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REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected all pending-claims 1-14. Specifically, the Office Action rejected claims 1-5 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baxter (US-2004/0004488; hereinafter "Baxter") in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter "AAPA"). The Office Action also rejected claims 6-8 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baxter in view of AAPA, and further in view of Morishige et al. (US-2006/0214890; hereinafter "Morishige").

Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 2, and further amended claims 3-5 and 9-11 to more clearly define the present invention. The amended claims are fully supported by the specification. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 3-14 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion for 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections

Claims 1-5 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baxter in view of AAPA (Figure 1-4; or section of related art in the instant specification). Claims 6-8 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baxter in view of AAPA, and further in view of Morishige.

In response to the rejection thereto, Applicant has amended independent claims 3 and 9 to more clearly define the present invention, and respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 3-5 and 9-11 as being unpatentable over Baxter because a prima facie

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case of obviousness has not been established by the Office Action.

In the currently amended claims 3 and 9, Applicant respectfully submits that one terminal of all of the first switches being connected to the first pad and one terminal of all of the second switches being connected to the second pad, but in the figure 13 of Baxter, all terminals of the switch 65 corresponding to the first switches of the present application are not connected to any pads; similar, all terminals of the switch 62 corresponding to the second switches of the present application are not connected to any pads, so that one person having ordinary skill in the art can not easily modify Baxter to achieve the present application.

Furthermore, in general, when two capacitors are measured, four pads and one P-type transistor are required. Therefore, when a plurality of capacitor pairs are measured, it is noted that a lot of P-type transistors and pads are required, but in the present application, through only four pads and one P-type transistor can be measured all of the capacitor pairs, thus the area of the layout of the capacitor matching circuit is effectively reduced.

Foregoing reasons submitted by Applicant, the currently amended claims 1 and 9 are patentable over Baxter, AAPA, Morishige, or any of the other cited references, taken alone or in combination, and thus should be allowed, further its dependent claims 4-8 and 10-14 also should be allowed as a matter of law.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims 3-14 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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